



Elevenmile Fire
**NEWS
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Department of Agriculture

Forest Service
Salmon - Challis National Forest
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Challis, Idaho:

Date of Detection: August 24, 2015

Current Size: 10,451 acres

Location: 15 miles West of Challis, Idaho

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 55%

Resources:

Crews: 3

Helicopters: 2

Engines: 3

Total Personnel: 102

Summary:

The spot weather forecast for the Elevenmile Fire area is unseasonably warm and dry today, with gusty afternoon winds. An isolated shower of thunderstorms will be possible near or south of the fire late this afternoon and evening. It is predicted that shower and thunderstorm activity will gradually increase Monday and temperatures will turn sharply colder Tuesday. These cool and showery conditions, along with gusty afternoon and evening winds, should persist through Thursday.

Today's objectives will remain the same as yesterday, keeping in mind of the day's predicted weather and the potential for increased fire activity. Fire fighters will continue to monitor the entire fire area, mop up areas as needed, and rehabilitate fire lines. Work will continue to alleviate hazards caused by the fire. Engine crews will patrol and monitor the Custer Motorway for fire activity and lower stump heights left by the feller-buncher.

Dryer and warmer conditions led to active fire behavior along the northern perimeter on Saturday. However, this did not cause any issues with current objectives. Torching was observed in unburned portions within the interior. The smoke that is visible in the Challis and Salmon River Corridor, is most likely drifting in from the West, which includes fires in California and Payette National Forest and not a result of the Elevenmile Fire.

Forest visitors should be aware of increased traffic along the Yankee Fork road as fire personnel travel to and from the fire area. Drive with caution and if conditions are unknown contact local Forest offices or Fire Information for updated information. Fire and Forest Officials would like to remind the public that an area **closure is still in effect**. This closure is necessary to provide protection to forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards associated with the fire.

- *The Custer Motorway (FS Road #070) is **CLOSED** at the Eightmile Campground and at Mill Creek Campground.*
- *Mill Creek, Eight Mile, and Mosquito Flat Campgrounds are **OPEN**.*
- *All designated state, county, and forest roads and trails defining the perimeter of the closure area are **OPEN**.*

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